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Dear Mr. Latte,

Your kind and thought-provoking letter deserves a longer response than I can make because there are not nor enough hours in the day or days in the week.

As you know, I permitted myself no conjectures in WHITE WASH. But some, as you point out, are too obvious to avoid. May I suggest, however, that you rethink your possibility (1) in your third paragraph and see if logical and what knowledge you possess can not take you a little further and then wonder whether there might not be a connection, if not an identity, with (2).

Also, perhaps you might find my comment about the Commission and explanations about the members and the staff and their respective functions and influences, if you project them, might lead you to wondering how much of what was the Commission's knowledge was also the knowledge of the members of the Commission.

Is there any reason to presume, for example, that the Commission knew that the statement made to it by the staff that it had identified by deposition the "stretcher" bullet with the Connally stretcher was less than the truth? Or of the cropping of the Altgens picture? Of of the "disappearance" of frames 208-11 of the Zapruder film and the alterations in frames 207 and 212? I find it hard to believe that such busy men could or could be expected to take the time to acquire such intimate knowledge of the data and undata collected.

Nor do I think you have exhausted the possibilities of those groups or forces who might have had an interest in the end of the Kennedy Presidency.

Because I haven't the time to dwell on this now, either in correspondence or in what time I have for uncluttered thinking and haven't thought it completely through myself, I shall go no further with this. But I do think that, with the fairly detailed and intimate knowledge you seem to have of national and world affairs, you might, on your own, come to some parallel possibilities to what I have in mind.

None of this is to say I disagree with your analysis. I do not argue against it, and it is quite provocative. I do not pretend to know or to be certain in my own mind, although I have no doubt about conspiracies existing. I just wish I had time to go into it further, with you and myself.

But it is in my mind, and I'd welcome any other ideas or further thinking you might have the time for.

Thank you very much for writing and for the nice things you said.

Sincerely,